

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: images1

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1600211.021

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 19 May 2016

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 18 May 2016

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is deemed objectionable for it promotes and supports bestiality.

The image file depicts a man engaging in sexual activity with a white-furred animal. The most obvious reading is that the man is having sexual intercourse with a dog. The man's legs are spread apart the animal and his penis is partially visible from beneath. He holds the animal down by its legs. The image is cropped so that only the man's penis, forearms and legs, and the animal's legs and belly, are visible.

The depiction of sexual conduct with animals as a pleasurable activity breaks down the taboos that surround these acts and normalises the act of bestiality. The digital format allows for the publication to be disseminated amongst others, thus perpetuating an interest in bestiality.

This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression provided by the NZBORA, however it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act and promoting illegal activity will be banned.